



Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2018-0260

MILTON HYDRO DISTRIBUTION INC.

ALECTRA UTILITIES CORPORATION

Joint Application for Elimination of Load Transfer Arrangements

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: **Brian Hewson**
Vice President
Consumer Protection and Industry Performance

November 8, 2018

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. (Milton Hydro) and Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra) have jointly applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to amend their respective licensed service areas such that one remaining load transfer arrangement between the two distributors are eliminated. A load transfer arrangement is a situation in which a customer located in the licensed service area of one distributor (geographic distributor) is physically served by another distributor (physical distributor).

The application is granted, as set out in this Decision and Order.

THE PROCESS

This Decision and Order is being issued by the Delegated Authority, without holding a hearing, pursuant to Section 6(4) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act).

THE APPLICATION

Pursuant to the Distribution System Code (DSC) amendments made by the OEB in EB-2015-0006 and in accordance with the OEB's filing guidelines for combined service area amendments and sale of assets, Milton Hydro and Alectra (collectively, Applicants) filed a joint application with the OEB on March 23, 2017, under sections 74 and 86(1)(b) of the OEB Act. The purpose of the application was to eliminate load transfer arrangements between the two distributors. The OEB assigned file number EB-2017-0143 to that application and, on June 29, 2017, the OEB issued its Decision and Order approving the proposed service area amendments and sale of assets.

On August 22, 2018, the Applicants filed a second joint application with the OEB and requested further amendments to each of their respective licensed service areas, due to the recent identification of one "Residential" rate class customer that was not included in the EB-2017-0143 application. Milton Hydro also requested the OEB's approval to sell certain distribution assets to Alectra for \$969.00 plus applicable taxes. These assets are used to serve the customer moving from Milton Hydro to Alectra.

FINDINGS

The OEB finds it to be in the public interest to approve the service area amendments and sale of assets proposed by the Applicants in order to eliminate the remaining load transfer arrangement between Milton Hydro and Alectra. Milton Hydro and Alectra's

distribution licences will be amended to reflect the proposed transfer of the affected customer.

The customer being transferred from Milton Hydro to Alectra will see a reduction in its monthly delivery charges and, therefore, no credits are required for this customer.

Milton Hydro and Alectra are reminded that both distributors shall ensure that all relevant customer information including, but not limited to, information regarding security deposit and consumption is properly transferred to the physical distributor to allow for the continuous billing of the customer and the continuous application of Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) rate assistance to the bills of the customer, if applicable.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Schedule 1 of Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.'s Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2003-0014 is amended. The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.
2. Schedule 1 of Alectra Utilities Corporation's Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2016-0360 is amended. The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.
3. Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. is granted leave to sell distribution system assets as listed in Schedule A (Table 1) to Alectra Utilities Corporation.

DATED at Toronto November 8, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection and Industry Performance

SCHEDULE A

The assets being transferred between Milton Hydro and Alectra are listed below:

Table 1 - List of assets being sold by Milton Hydro to Alectra

Asset Type	Price (\$)
Transformer, 1974 (25 kVA)	0.00
Primary Wire	60.00
35' Class 3 Pole, 2010	909.00
Total (\$) before applicable taxes	\$969.00